

2007 Current Fiscal Year Report: International Space Station Independent Safety Task Force

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1. Department or Agency

National Aeronautics and Space Administration

2. Fiscal Year

2007

3. Committee or Subcommittee

International Space Station Independent Safety Task Force

3b. GSA Committee No.

29112

4. Is this New During Fiscal Year?

No

5. Current Charter

02/28/2006

6. Expected Renewal Date

02/28/2008

7. Expected Term Date

02/28/2007

8a. Was Terminated During Fiscal Year?

Yes

8b. Specific Termination Authority

Public Law 109-155, Sec. 805

8c. Actual Term Date

02/28/2007

9. Agency Recommendation for Next Fiscal Year

Terminate

10a. Legislation Req to Terminate?

No

10b. Legislation Pending?

Enacted

11. Establishment Authority Statutory (Congress Created)

12. Specific Establishment Authority

Public Law 109-155

13. Effective Date

12/30/2005

14. Committee Type

Ad hoc

14c. Presidential?

No

15. Description of Committee Scientific Technical Program Advisory Board

16a. Total Number of Reports

1

16b. Report

Date

02/27/2007

Report Title

Report of the International Space Station Independent Safety Task Force

Number of Committee Reports Listed: 1

17a. Open 1 17b. Closed 0 17c. Partially Closed 0 Other Activities 0 17d. Total 1 Meetings and Dates

Purpose

To finalize report.

Start

12/14/2006

End

- 12/14/2006

Number of Committee Meetings Listed: 1

Current FY Next FY

18a(1). Personnel Pmts to Non-Federal Members

\$0.00 \$0.00

18a(2). Personnel Pmts to Federal Members

\$0.00 \$0.00

18a(3). Personnel Pmts to Federal Staff

\$0.00 \$0.00

18a(4). Personnel Pmts to Non-Member Consultants	\$0.00	\$0.00
18b(1). Travel and Per Diem to Non-Federal Members	\$5,228.00	\$0.00
18b(2). Travel and Per Diem to Federal Members	\$9,413.00	\$0.00
18b(3). Travel and Per Diem to Federal Staff	\$0.00	\$0.00
18b(4). Travel and Per Diem to Non-member Consultants	\$0.00	\$0.00
18c. Other(rents,user charges, graphics, printing, mail, etc.)	\$10,478.00	\$0.00
18d. Total	\$25,119.00	\$0.00
19. Federal Staff Support Years (FTE)	0.00	0.00

20a. How does the Committee accomplish its purpose?

1. The Independent Task Force shall review the International Space Station program with the objective of discovering and assessing any vulnerabilities of the International Space Station that could lead to its destruction, compromise the health of its crew, or necessitate its premature abandonment: (a) Catalogue threats to and vulnerabilities of the International Space Station, including design flaws, natural phenomena, computer software or hardware flaws, sabotage or terrorist attack, number of crewmembers, inability to adequately deliver replacement parts and supplies, and management or procedural deficiencies; (b) Make recommendations for corrective actions; (c) Provide any additional findings or recommendations related to International Space Station safety; (d) Prepare a report to the Administrator, Congress, and the public.

20b. How does the Committee balance its membership?

Selected by Congress. The committee has broad representation from experienced members of the aerospace and NASA communities.

20c. How frequent and relevant are the Committee Meetings?

The committee held two fact-finding preparatory meetings to ensure the continuity of the data being presented, and one open public meeting in which the committee deliberations took place.

20d. Why can't the advice or information this committee provides be obtained elsewhere?

Established under the National Aeronautics and Space Administration Authorization Act of 2005 (Public Law 109-155). Selected by Congress

20e. Why is it necessary to close and/or partially closed committee meetings?

Only two preparatory fact-finding meetings and one open public meeting for deliberations were held over the past year.

21. Remarks

Designated Federal Officer

Melissa Y Gard Executive Director

Committee Members	Start	End	Occupation	Member Designation
Coats, Michael	05/30/2006	02/28/2007	NASA / Johnson Space Center	Regular Government Employee (RGE) Member
Colladay, Raymond	05/30/2006	02/28/2007	Independent Consultant	Representative Member
Holloway, Tommy	05/30/2006	02/28/2007	Independent Consultant	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Jacobson, Ralph	05/30/2006	02/28/2007	Independent Consultant	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Marshall, John	05/30/2006	02/28/2007	Independent Consultant	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
O'Connor, Bryan	05/30/2006	02/28/2007	NASA / Headquarters	Regular Government Employee (RGE) Member
Roe, Ralph	05/30/2006	02/28/2007	NASA / Langley Research Center	Regular Government Employee (RGE) Member
Scolese, Christopher	05/30/2006	02/28/2007	NASA / Headquarters	Regular Government Employee (RGE) Member
Sieck, Robert	05/30/2006	02/28/2007	Independent Consultant	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Voss, James	05/30/2006	02/28/2007	Aerospace Consultant	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Williams, Richard	05/30/2006	02/28/2007	NASA / Headquarters	Regular Government Employee (RGE) Member

Number of Committee Members Listed: 11

Narrative Description

This Congressionally mandated task force is reviewing the International Space Station (ISS) program with the objective of discovering and assessing any vulnerabilities of the ISS that could lead to its destruction, compromise the health of its crew, or necessitate its premature abandonment. This supports NASA's strategic goal to complete the ISS in a manner consistent with NASA's International Partner commitments and the needs of human exploration.

What are the most significant program outcomes associated with this committee?

Checked if Applies

Improvements to health or safety	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Trust in government	<input type="checkbox"/>
Major policy changes	<input type="checkbox"/>
Advance in scientific research	<input type="checkbox"/>
Effective grant making	<input type="checkbox"/>
Improved service delivery	<input type="checkbox"/>
Increased customer satisfaction	<input type="checkbox"/>
Implementation of laws or regulatory requirements	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other	<input type="checkbox"/>

Outcome Comments

NA

What are the cost savings associated with this committee?

Checked if Applies

None



Unable to Determine



Under \$100,000



\$100,000 - \$500,000



\$500,001 - \$1,000,000



\$1,000,001 - \$5,000,000



\$5,000,001 - \$10,000,000



Over \$10,000,000



Cost Savings Other



Cost Savings Comments

NA

What is the approximate Number of recommendations produced by this committee for the life of the committee?

2

Number of Recommendations Comments

Feedback is expected via an invitation to the review scheduled in December.

What is the approximate Percentage of these recommendations that have been or will be Fully implemented by the agency?

50%

% of Recommendations Fully Implemented Comments

NA

What is the approximate Percentage of these recommendations that have been or will be Partially implemented by the agency?

50%

% of Recommendations Partially Implemented Comments

NA

Does the agency provide the committee with feedback regarding actions taken to

implement recommendations or advice offered?

Yes ☐ No ☐ Not Applicable ☒

Agency Feedback Comments

NA

What other actions has the agency taken as a result of the committee's advice or recommendation?

Checked if Applies

Reorganized Priorities	<input type="checkbox"/>
Reallocated resources	<input type="checkbox"/>
Issued new regulation	<input type="checkbox"/>
Proposed legislation	<input type="checkbox"/>
Approved grants or other payments	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other	<input type="checkbox"/>

Action Comments

This task force only issued its interim recommendations 10 days prior to the end of this fiscal year and the complete task force report is scheduled to be published in February 2007, by the task force end date.

Is the Committee engaged in the review of applications for grants?

No

Grant Review Comments

NA

How is access provided to the information for the Committee's documentation?

Checked if Applies

Contact DFO	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Online Agency Web Site	<input type="checkbox"/>
Online Committee Web Site	<input type="checkbox"/>
Online GSA FACA Web Site	<input type="checkbox"/>
Publications	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other	<input type="checkbox"/>

Access Comments

N/A